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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$555.00 to cover the fee for filing a three-month extension of time;
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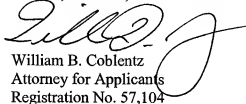
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